DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) : (a) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that no death or illness has occured due to contamination of water.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No Sir.

Supply of Drinking Water to Noida and Basant Kunj

789. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the drinking water supplied to various sectors of NOIDA and Vasant Kunj was found polluted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to ensure safe drinking water to the above places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Steps taken by the New Okhla Industrial Development Authority to ensure safe derinking water :

(i) Water is drawn deep bore tube wells.

(ii) Water is chlorinated before supply. Chlorination is increased during monsoon.

(iii) Water samples are drawn by an independent testing house and results are communicated to the Authority. During monsoon, samples are drawn twice a week at random.

(iv) Reservoirs are cleaned once a month.

(v) Water mains are flushed once in a fortnight.

As far as Vasant Kunj is concerned, water in some sectors is provided by the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Under taking and in others, by DDA. Both the agencies have reported that water is supolied by drawing from tube wells. Regular tests for potability of this water are carried out, besides regular chlorination before supply to ensure that the water is as per regular standards.

Estate Project of Hindustan Prefab Ltd.

790. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rs. 140 crores real estate project of Hindustan Prefab Ltd. has been dropped:

(b) whether it is a fact that this project if implemented, would have improved the financial position of Hindustan Prefab Ltd. ; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are delaying implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in the Hindustan Prefab Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) No. Sir. The question of the redevelopment of the part of the land with Hindustan Prefab Limited is still in the initial stage of consideration.